

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
October 19, 2000
2:00 PM
433, Blatt Building

Members present: Mrs. Berry, Mr. Daniel, Dr. Everson, Dr. Gummerson, Representative Harrell, Mr. Martin, Mr. Staton, Superintendent Tenenbaum, Mrs. Thompson, Representative Townsend, Mr. Wilson

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mrs. Berry welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She introduced Robert C. Daniel, a business appointee, who is serving the remainder of the term held by Stefan Wilson.

II. Approval of the Minutes of September 21 and 28

The minutes of September 21 and 28 were approved as distributed.

III. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Academic Standards and Assessments: Mr. Wilson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He summarized a meeting held with SDE staff regarding the testing programs.

He cited continued delays in the receipt of workable 2000 PACT data tapes and offered a revised schedule for the establishment of ratings.

- B. EIA and Improvement Mechanisms: Mr. Staton reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He presented the amended guidelines (distributed at the meeting) and noted changes that had been made at the Subcommittee's requests. The guidelines were approved as distributed at the meeting.

He described the Subcommittee's budget review processes and indicated that final recommendations would be available at the December meeting.

- C. Parent Involvement: Mrs. Thompson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. The Parent Involvement Subcommittee has not met since the last EOC meeting.

- D. Public Awareness: Mr. Martin reported on behalf of the Public Awareness Subcommittee. He explained the Subcommittee's analysis of the progression of the campaign. The first community meeting is to be held on December 4 in Sumter; he hopes all EOC members can participate. The Sumter event includes a testing of the two formats.

- E. Staff and Administration: The EOC Accountability Report to the Budget and Control Board was presented for comment by Dr. Anderson.

IV. Report of the Local Leadership Quality and Engagement Study Team

Don Herriott introduced the members of the Local Leadership Quality and Engagement Study Team. He thanked the EOC for the opportunity to work on the issue. He introduced the importance of the topic and the need for changes in South Carolina's

educational governance system. Mrs. Evelyn Berry presented the initial seven recommendations; Mr. Paul Livingston presented the remaining seven recommendations.

EOC members thanked the Team for its work. A number of questions regarding the implementation of the recommendations were posed.

Mrs. Berry thanked the Team and referred the report to the Staff and Administration Subcommittee. She noted that the report had been posted on the EOC website and that 400 copies had been distributed. The EOC is asking for comments and reactions by November 24.

V. General Discussion

- A. Long-range Planning Initiative: Mrs. Berry drew members' attention to a memorandum from Mr. Barnett that had been included in their packets.
- B. 2001 Schedule: Mrs. Berry asked members to reserve the dates and times for meetings in 2001 as provided in the meeting materials.
- C. The State Education Budget: Mrs. Tenenbaum presented her recommendations for technical assistance to schools rated unsatisfactory and the overall recommendations for education funding. Members of the Committee requested information about particular programs, especially the Milkin Teacher Assistance Program and career and technology education. There was discussion of the limited revenue growth and the need to support schools rated unsatisfactory.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.